

Thomas John Jehu; Arthur Levy Lever; Robert Beattie Nicholson; Patrick O'Brien; William Somerville; Fraser Story; Thomas Summerbell; John Ward; and Arthur Stanley Wilson, to be Our Commissioners to inquire and report—

(a) As to the encroachment of the sea on various parts of the Coast of the United Kingdom, and the damage which has been or is likely to be caused thereby; and what measures are desirable for the prevention of such damage:

(b) Whether any further powers should be conferred upon Local Authorities and owners of property with a view to the adoption of effective and systematic schemes for the protection of the Coast and the banks of tidal rivers:

(c) Whether any alteration of the law is desirable as regards the management and control of the foreshore:

(d) Whether further facilities should be given for the reclamation of tidal lands:

(e) Whether in connection with reclaimed lands or otherwise it is desirable to make an experiment in afforestation as a means of increasing employment during periods of depression in the labour market, and, if so, by what authority, and under what conditions, such experiment should be conducted.

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto you, or any three or more of you, full power to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information upon the subject of this Our Commission; and also to call for, have access to and examine all such books, documents, registers and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do by these Presents authorize and empower you, or any three or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem it expedient so to inspect for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid:

And We do by these Presents will and ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And We do further ordain that you, or any three or more of you, have liberty to report your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us, under your hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any three or more of you, your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the thirty-first day of *March*, one thousand nine hundred and eight, in the eighth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

H. J. Gladstone.

Foreign Office,

February 26, 1908.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Claude Coventry Mallet, Esq., C.M.G., His Majesty's Minister Resident to the Republic of Panama, to be also His Majesty's Minister Resident to the Republic of Costa Rica. (*See London Gazette May 10, 1907.*)

Foreign Office,

February 26, 1908.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Claude Coventry Mallet, Esq., C.M.G., to be His Majesty's Consul-General for the Republics of Costa Rica and Panama.

Foreign Office,

March 22, 1908.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Archibald John Kerr Clark, Esq., to be a Third Secretary in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

Foreign Office,

March 25, 1908.

The KING has been pleased to approve of—
Mr. John Russell Hansen as Vice-Consul of Uruguay at Middlesbrough.

Whitehall, April 2, 1908.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Major-General Robert Auld, C.B., to be Lieutenant Governor of the Island of Guernsey, as from the 1st April 1908, in the room of Major-General Barrington Bulkeley Douglas Campbell, C.V.O., C.B., whose period of service has expired.

Whitehall, April 2, 1908.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Arthur Harry Middleton, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh, conferred upon him by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

Downing Street,

April 3, 1908.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Commission under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, appointing the Governor or other officer for the